

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 3 and 6 to correct antecedent basis so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously presented) A media comprising:  
an image-receiving layer having a first machine-readable indicia thereon; and  
a protective overlayer selectively applied on said image-receiving layer to form a second machine-readable indicia of varying thicknesses thereon, said second machine-readable indicia being identical to and superimposed over said first machine-readable indicia.
2. (previously presented) A media comprising:  
an image-receiving layer having a first machine-readable indicia thereon using a thermal head; and  
a protective overlayer selectively applied on said image-receiving layer to form a second machine-readable indicia of varying thicknesses thereon using a thermal head, said second machine-readable indicia being identical to and superimposed over said first machine-readable indicia.
3. (currently amended) The media of claim 2 wherein said second machine-readable indicia being transparent so as to allow viewing of an image provided on said image-receiving layer.
4. (original) The media of claim 2 wherein said protective overlayer comprises an IR absorbing dye.
5. (original) The media of claim 2 further comprising an adhesive layer for securing to an item.
6. (currently amended) A media comprising:  
a 1<sup>st</sup> machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and

a protective overlayer selectively applied on said image layer to form a 2<sup>nd</sup> machine-readable indicia of varying thicknesses that is identical in content to, and in register with said 1<sup>st</sup> machine-readable indicia in said image layer, said 2<sup>nd</sup> machine-readable indicia being integrally formed during application of said protective overlayer over said image layer.

7. (previously presented) A label comprising:  
an image-receiving layer having a visual image formed thereon using a thermal head; and  
a protective overlayer selectively applied on said image-receiving layer to form a machine-readable indicia of varying thicknesses, said machine-readable indicia being substantially transparent but is capable of being machine-readable.

8. Cancelled

9. (previously presented) A media according to claim 7 wherein said machine-readable code comprises a bar code.

10. Cancelled

11. (previously presented) A media according to claim 2 wherein said machine-readable code comprises a bar code.

12. Cancelled

13. Cancelled